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AMEMBASSY PARAMARIBO

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: US INFORMATION AND CULTURAL REQUIREMENTS IN SURINAM

REF: PARAMARIBO 0622

1. THOUGH WE ARE ONLY PERIPHERALLY INVOLVED, PAO KIBBLE AND I WOULD LIKE TO STRONGLY SECOND AMBASSADOR ZURHELLEN'S CALL FOR AN EARLY WASHINGTON STUDY OF HOW SURINAM RELATES TO AMERICAN POLICY, HOW AND WHAT KIND OF A U.S. INFORMATION PROGRAM THERE CAN FURTHER THAT POLICY, AND IF INDICATED, STAFFING AND FUNDING FOR AN EXPANDED USIS PROGRAM THERE. U.S. INTERESTS AND POTENTIAL INTERESTS (OTHER THAN DAMAGE-LIMITATION) SEEM TO US AT LEAST AS GREAT AS THERE AS HERE AND PRESENT OPPORTUNITIES TO FURTHER THOSE INTERESTS THROUGH AN ACTIVE INFORMATION AND CULTURAL PROGRAM AT PARAMARIBO SEEM TO BE FAR BETTER THAN HERE.

2. AS DEPT AND USIA ARE AWARE, PARAMARIBO IS NOW SERVICED

ON USIA MATTERS BY USIS GEORGETOWN. WE HAVE RECOMMENDED TO INSPECTORS AND OTHERS THAT WHEN OUR DEPUTY PAO'S TOUR ENDS NEXT SUMMER, THE DEPT CONSIDER ASSIGNING HIS REPLACEMENT TO PARAMARIBO RATHER THAN HERE. OUR PRESENT DEPUTY PAO SPENDS MUCH OF HIS TIME AT PRESENT WORKING ON USIS MATTERS AT PARAMARIBO, AND WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT HE CONTINUE TO DO SO UNTIL HIS DEPARTURE. THE ONLY COMPENSATION WE WOULD REQUEST FOR LOSING AN AMERICAN POSITION WOULD BE THAT A ROVING PAO (PERHAPS THE NO. 2 USIS SLOT AT PORT OF SPAIN OR KINGSTON) REPLACE OUR PAO DURING PERIODS OF LONG LEAVE

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ONCE HE BECOMES OUR SOLE USIS OFFICER

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